



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News and Analysis

Weekly Egg Products Report

March 28, 2008

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **28-Mar-08** average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	156.00	156.50	149.50	157.50	154.96
Last week	156.00	156.50	149.50	157.50	154.96

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 28-Mar-08:

New York 151-155 **Midwest** 152-160 **California** 192

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 24-Mar-08 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	86.2	237.7	116.4	171.6	173.2	785.1	204.3	989.4
% change PW	-6%	-12%	-17%	-10%	-33%	-18%	-7%	-16%

Breaking Stock 28-Mar-08 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Breaking Stock	110-112 M 110-111	105-112 M 109-110
Checks & Undergrades	94-99 M 94-96	91-99 M 92 97

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **22-Mar-08**. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,232,354	30,407	11,383	6,097	2,409	4,364
Previous Week	1,212,106	30,789	10,917	5,803	2,126	4,287
Last Year	1,270,007	31,724	11,583	6,431	2,176	4,294
% Change PWK	2%	-1%	4%	5%	13%	2%
% Change LY	-3%	-4%	-2%	-5%	11%	2%
To-Date 2008	14,722,434	368,125	133,087	71,240	30,385	51,294
To-Date 2007	14,567,489	362,576	135,645	72,443	28,932	51,095
% Change YTD	1%	2%	-2%	-2%	5%	0%

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.40 **Previous Week:** 42.73 **Last Year:** 42.54

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.86 **Previous Week:** 39.20 **Last Year:** 39.16

In-Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	633,773	51.4%	17,216	56.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	600,328	49.5%	17,091	55.5%
LAST YEAR	613,848	48.3%	17,872	56.3%

National Liquid Eggs - 28-Mar-08 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	45	103-107.5	104.71	-3.28
WHITES	19	77.5-85.5	79.71	-.74
YOLKS		TFEWR		

Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 28-Mar-08 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot Eastern	Central	Less-than-Trucklot Eastern	(min 25 cont.) South California ²
Whole	120-125 M 120-122	120-123 M 120-122	121-130	126-130
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT			-
Whites	90-99 M 95-97	95-99 M 97	100-105	102-105
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	145-152 M 148-150	145-152 M 145-147	152-161	149-152
Salted	140-145 M 143-145	140-148 M 140-143	146-158	144-147

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 28-Mar-08 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	4.56-5.10	4.70-4.80
YOLKS	3.45-3.70	3.50-3.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.65-7.40	6.75-6.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.45-3.60	3.50-3.60

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 22-Mar-08

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week 1,389	This week 333	This week 1,722
Last week 1,088	Last week 290	Last week 1,378
Last year 1,115	Last year 192	Last year 1,307
To Date 2008 16,218	To Date 2008 3,564	To Date 2008 19,782
To Date 2007 13,340	To Date 2007 2,558	To Date 2007 15,898

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Mar-08

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	0	0	0	0
Last year /1	241	0	0	241
To date 2008/2	49	2	98	149
To date 2007	1,338	5	168	1,511

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Mar-08

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	259	0	0	259
Last year /1	567	2	40	609
To date 2008/2	3,994	191	0	4,135
To date 2007	3,698	113	156	3,967

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Mar-08

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	480	4,800	870	9,600	0	15,750
Last year /1	0	1,089	5,190	3,300	4,500	0	14,079
To date 2008/2	0	2,810	9,850	6,540	43,390	0	62,590
To date 2007	0	3,639	12,481	7,715	10,380	85	34,300

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 24-Mar-08

Total All Layers on 01-Mar-08 totaled 343 million, down 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Mar-08 averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Mar-08 = 282.1 million, down 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Mar-08 averaged 74.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Mar-07.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Feb-08 totaled 37.5 million, up 2% from Feb-07.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 36.5 million on 01-Mar-08, down 5% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 280,000 during Feb-08, up 69% from Feb-07.

For information on "Chicken and Eggs" call Sharyn Lavender at (202) 720-3244, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

USDA BUYS: WHOLE EGGS; ENDS PROGRAM

DATE: March 26, 2008

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 720,000 pounds of whole eggs - to be produced from about 18,000 cases of shell eggs - at a cost of approximately \$758,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 15	No. of Bids Accepted
bulk tankers	720,000	\$1.0499-\$1.0699	1 of 3

It was also announced that the purchase program for whole eggs is now complete.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 29, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	4,642,000	\$4,155,000
bulk tankers	10,272,000	\$8,157,000
30-pound containers	198,000	\$ 182,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-323, Invitation 15, to be delivered from May 1 to May 15 follow:

Sonstegard Foods 720,000 \$1.0499-\$1.0699

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch; STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.